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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

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First named inventor: Karsten Brauer

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application Number: 08/897,713

Examiner: S. Vincent

Filed: 7/21/97

Title: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR THE PRODUCTIONS OF A
CYLINDRICAL COMPONENT OF GLASS

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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee--required for all utility and plant applications filed
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- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay

1. Petition fee

☐ small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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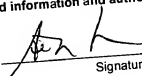
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☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay

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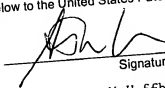
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IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO REVIVE UNAVOIDABLY
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Dear Sir:

Applicant's records for this case do not show any evidence of receipt of an Office Action dated June 15, 1999. It was believed by Applicants around that time, that Applicant's Response to Office Action mailed April 19, 1999, and apparently received on April 22, 1999, was a sufficient response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 18, 1999, and Office Action dated September 2, 1998.

Because the Office Action dated June 15, 1999 was apparently not received, no response thereto was submitted. Apparently, the Notice of Abandonment dated October 1, 1999 was also

not received by our office.

Applicants have included a copy of a manually maintained record card relating to this case, which is used to record the existence of outstanding requirements from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, as well as the respective due date. Applicant's electronic records, which constitute a parallel docket system, are generally updated and no archive copy is maintained, however, a review of printed documents from around this time period did not reveal any outstanding requirement. Any such requirement would have been brought to the attention of the responsible attorney. It is our office policy to docket U.S. Patent and Trademark Office correspondence immediately upon receipt, which is then distributed to the responsible attorney for further review and action. The failure to indicate both of these Actions on the manually printed card indicates that these were not received in the normal course of business. A review of our records for the physical correspondence also failed to reveal any such records.

The attorney originally in charge of this application, Mr. Kenneth E. Macklin, is now deceased. However, our office generally maintains all of his patent files.

It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that the application became unavoidably abandoned as a result of failure to receive the correspondence dated June 15, 1999, and Applicants delay in seeking to revive this application was a result of failure to receive the Notice of Abandonment dated October 1, 1999.

It is unclear how, and indeed quite surprising, that two consecutive correspondence in this case, apparently accurately addressed, would fail to be received by our offices, and indeed our records of other cases appear to indicate a low incidence of misdirected or otherwise not received correspondence. Notwithstanding, it is respectfully submitted that both of these documents, if

properly received by our office, would have been opened by our firm staff and properly docketed, including making an entry on the manual card entry system and electronic docket system prior to distribution to Mr. Macklin, and therefore, no explanation is available from us regarding the ultimate disposition of these documents.

We believe it would be unfair and unjust to penalize our client by holding abandonment of this application under these circumstances, and respectfully request that Applicants Petition to Revoke the application be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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